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SUBJ: LOS: VIEWS OF NEW YORK SESSION OF THIRD LOS CONFERENCE

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1. POL COUNSELOR MET MARCH 17 WITH DR. FEDERICO MARQUEZ, COUNSELOR IN THE FRONTIERS DIVISION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND A MEMBER OF THE VENEZUELAN LOS DELEGATION, AND CONVEYED TO HIM THE SUBSTANCE OF PARA 4 REFTEL.

2. MARQUEZ SAID THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT IS IN COMPLETE ACCORD WITH THE U.S. AS TO THE URGENT NECESSITY FOR THE NEW YORK SESSION TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE KEY ISSUES BASIC TO AN LOS

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TREATY, AND THAT THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION WILL WORK TOWARD THAT

END. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF THE SUBSTANTIVE LOS ISSUES,
WHICH ARE WELL KNOWN TO THE GOV DELEGATION.

3. MARQUEZ EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT ANDRES AGUILAR IS
HEADING THE VENEZUELAN DELEGATION AND IS CHAIRING COMMITTEE II.
MARQUEX SAID THAT THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE VENEZUELAN DELEGA-
TION WOULD BE DR. EMILIO FIGUEREDO, DEPUTY MARCOS FALCON BRICENO
(A FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER AND AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S.), AMBASSADOR
TO CANADA RUEBEN CARPIO CASTILLO (A GEOGRAPHER) AND, FROM THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY, AMBASSADOR GERMAN NAVA CARRILLO, THE NEW
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY (A NEOPHYTE IN LOS MATTERS);
HIS DEPUTY, AMBASSADOR JOSE LUIS MARTINEZ; HUGO ALVAREZ PIFANO,
THE U.S. DESK OFFICER AND MAN-OF-ALL-WORK IN THE INTERNATIONAL
POLICY DIVISION; AND MARQUEZ HIMSELF. OF THESE, FIGUEREDO IS
ALREADY IN NEW YORK, CARPIO CASTILLO IS EN ROUTE, MARQUEZ LEAVES
MARCH 21, AND THE OTHERS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY. NAVA CARRILLO AND
MARTINEZ WILL ALTERNATE ON THE DELEGATION.

COMMENT: THIS IS A STRONG DELEGATION, MOST OF WHOSE MEMBERS
ARE WELL KNOWN TO THE U.S. NEGOTIATORS. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE,
DR. AGUILAR IS ONE OF THE MOST ABLE AND EXPERIENCED LOS
NEGOTIATORS ALIVE. THE VENEZUELAN HAVE PLAYED A CONSTRUCTIVE
ROLE DURING THE LOS NEGOTIATIONS AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE
TO DO SO.
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